

II-2-8

File No. 68/48-P.S.

Collection No.

1948

CARD INDEXED

Government of India.

Ministry of Home Affairs.

H.M.'s Personal Section.

Pros.
Serial Nos.

II-2-8

Subject

Arrangements for evacuation of Muslim Women from
Patiala State - Letter to Sri Hari Chand Sharma,
Minister, Patiala.

Previous References.

Later References.

Shree 5-9

1 b. done ✓

GOVT OF INDIA.

New Delhi
24th January

8.

Dear Mr. Sharma,

The bearers of this letter are Messrs. S.R. Koshik, Mohammad Alim-ud-Din and Sarfras Ahmed of the Refugee Welfare Association and are going to Patiala for the purpose of evacuating some abducted Muslim women. Sardar Patel has had a talk with His Highness about it, and His Highness has promised to give every assistance in their task. Sardar Patel has, therefore, asked me to write to you to ensure that these gentlemen get every possible assistance and facility in recovering these women.

Yours sincerely,

(V. SHANKAR)
Private Secretary to
Hon'ble Minister for States.

Sri. Hari Chand Sharma,
Foreign & Political Minister,
Govt of H.H. the Maharaja of Patiala,
PATIALA.

V.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

New Delhi
24th January

8.

Dear Mrs. Nehru,

Many thanks for your letter No.W-INT-15/ dated 23rd January 1948.

I spoke to Sardar, and as desired by him, I am sending a letter to the Foreign & Political Minister of Patiala State. I understand from the deputationists that you would be making arrangements for truck and military escort. This is a matter which is the concern of the Relief & Rehabilitation Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

(V. SHANKAR)
Private Secretary to H.M.

Shr. Rameshwari Nehru,
Women's Section, Ministry of
Relief & Rehabilitation,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI.

v.

3

No.W-INT-15/
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
MINISTRY OF RELIEF & REHABILITATION.
WOMEN'S SECTION
NEW DELHI
23rd January, 1948.

Shri. Shanker Ji,

I am sending Messrs. S.R.Koshik, Mohammad Alim-ud-Din and Sarfraz Ahmed. They wish to talk over certain matters in connection with the evacuation of Muslim women stranded in Patiala State. Kindly give them a hearing, and do whatever you can to help them. They have already been to Patiala State, but were told to have the sanction of Sardar Patel, and also that Indian Union Police should accompany them. They require Police escort and transport facilities.

~~I would request you to kindly give them a written reply.~~
Sardar also promised to give a letter in this connection which may now be sent.

Yours sincerely,

Rameshwari Nehru
(Shr. Rameshwari Nehru)

MRM.

Shri Shanker Ji,
Secretary to
Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhai Patel
Deputy Prime Minister, Govt. of India,
New Delhi.

Refugee Welfare Association 4

President S. R. Kaushik
Secretary K. C. Jain

R. S. P. I. office
Billimaran
Delhi

Ref no. 25

Date 24-1-1948

The Honble Minister of States,
Govt. of India,
New Delhi

Sir,

Re: Recovery of abducted muslim women from Narnaul Distt

I beg to request you to kindly furnish me the following requirements:-

(1) Authority letter to the President, Secretary, Refugee Welfare Association who will be accompanied by Mrs. Shams Devi, M. L. A., Mr. Ali Muddan & other Association workers, for recovering abducted muslim women.

(2) Orders to the Distt. Magistrate, Narnaul to render every possible assistance in recovering those ladies.

(3) Arrangement for truck & military escort.

Yours obediently

S. R. Kaushik

President,
Refugee Welfare Ass.
Delhi

Refugee Welfare Association.

Presedant S. R. Kaushik

Secretary K. C. Jain

R. S. P. I. office

Billmaran

Delhi

Ref.no.

Date..9th Jan., 1948

To

The Minister of Relief & Rehabilitation,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

MATTER:- Recovery of abducted ladies.

Sir,

I have already submitted the full report of what was done by me at Patiala in my letter dated the 24th December, 1947. In the last week of December, I also saw the District Magistrate, Warnaul as advised and had an extensive tour of the aforesaid districts and had a talk with the permanent men of the district. I beg to report as follows:-

A. Most of the muslim abducted ladies were removed from their original places. And when I asked the persons concerned of their whereabouts, I was told that they were taken by the Police; but the Police did not admit it. On enquiry it was found that the Police had taken them away. I also heard that they had been sold away by them.

B. Those who have got muslim ladies with them are generally looked down upon and bycotted by their respective communities. They are ready to return them without demur and delay but the Police does not allow them to do so as some of the officers of the Police have got some muslim ladies whom they have also converted to Sikhism and are not ready to part with them

P.T.O.

C. I saw the District Magistrate, Narnaul and I was informed that he had received the orders from His Highness' Government, Patiala to trace out the whereabouts of the muslim ladies and to return them by their Agency. This is impossible. No muslim lady will agree to be returned with the Police as it had always deceived them, so far as I know. No doubt there are some gentle officers in Police but most of them are not trustworthy. I also posted a letter to the District Magistrate, Narnaul requesting him to pay proper attention to these facts and see that no muslim lady be removed from her place. If they will not be available at their proper places, he will be held responsible for it.

Under these circumstances I request you that a strong batch of responsible ladies like Mrs. Sucheta Kriplani must be sent to Patiala State, specially in Narnaul, Bawal and Dadri Districts to recover the muslim abducted ladies if the Government of India want in real sense to give practical shape to the wishes of Gandhiji.

No doubt the services of my association will be at your disposal but it (my association) will not be able to do any good service unless and until it is not accompanied by a strong batch of energetic and sincere ladies with full powers accompanied by Mr. Alimuddin as well. I think it necessary to bring to your kind notice that immediate action in this connection must be taken otherwise no muslim lady is expected to be available later on.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- S.R. Kaushik

PRESIDENT.

Refugee Welfare Association²

Presedant S. R. Kaushik

Secretary K. C. Jain

R. S. P. I. office

Bullimaran

Delhi

Ref no.

Date 20th Dec., 1947

Hon^{ble} The Minister Incharge,
States Ministry,
New Delhi.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that I saw the Foreign Minister of Patiala State and have a talk with him in connection with the recovery of abducted women, the nearest relatives of Alimuddin, resident of Mahendar Garh (Patiala State) National of India Dominion, as advised by you. I am very sorry to say that he did not allow me accompanied by Alimuddin to go and recover them from Mahendar Garh. I cannot understand why the aforesaid Minister disallowed the person who know the whereabouts of the abducted ladies. On the contrary, he promised me to send the case of Alimuddin to the Superintendent of Police, Barnaul for mere verification. I have been also told that the aforesaid Superintendent will inform Alimuddin about his female relatives and will be allowed to come to Mahendargarh with the Delhi Police to recover them.

I think that this is a very long process. During this time ladies may be removed to some other place, so you are requested to do something solid earlier to recover the abducted ladies as they are in great trouble.

I beg to remain,
Yours obediently,
Sd/- S.R. Kaushik
President.

Refugee Welfare Association

7

President: Pt. S.R. Kaushik

Secretary: - K.C. Jain

1841 KUCHA MAIDAS
BAZAR SITARAM
DELHI.

Ref: _____

Date 13/12/47. 194

To

The Foreign Minister,
His Highness Government of India.

Sir,

I had the honour to see you yesterday and during the interview some things were discussed which require clarification from me which goes as follows:-

My association has been serving the refugees in its own way for the last three months. It is on the recommendation of the association that many refugee students got their admissions in Allahabad, Nagpur, Lucknow and other Universities of India. They have been enjoying all the facilities and concessions on the certificate of the association. It is due to the hard efforts of the association that the Central Govt. ~~was compelled~~ to grant a loan to be paid in installments to the refugee students to prosecute their studies. It is this association whose President was advised to see you by the States Deptt. of the Govt of India. No more solid proof of the recognition of my association can be given.

I also bring to your kind notice that the two daughters and one female relative of Alimuddin, the applicant who are 6, 9 & 12 years old respectively were wandering in trouble were given shelter by Lakshman Kohler Mahendargarh. When these girls were told to go with me to Alimuddin, they refused to do so as they were very much afraid of me. So no agency can be successful in recovering the abducted women unless and until it is not accompanied by proper guardians.

Muslims are very much afraid of Hindus & Sikhs. No one dares to come without making proper arrangement for one's safety. I can bring Mr. Alimuddin to Narnaul without any military

P.T.O.

(Page 2)

escort if his Highness Govt can take the responsibility of his safe journey in Karnaul Distt and from Karnaul to Delhi.

In the conclusion, I briefly request you that such persons like Alimu-din who are nationals of Indian Dominion must be allowed to recover their female members themselves and His Highness Govt should make full arrangement for their safe journey in the state as well as from Karnaul to Delhi. As I know the whereabouts of the muslim ladies in Karnaul Distt and I have given my services and those of my association to the Govt of India and consequently I was advised to see you in this connection. Moreover, my association has got the moral support of Mahatma Gandhi. So you are requested to take the advantage of the service of my association as well.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Yours obediently,

(S) (S.R. KASHAK)
PRESIDENT REFUGEES WELFARE
ASSOCIATION DELHI.
CAMP PATIALA.

BS/

Copies to:-

- 1) Mahatma Gandhi Ji.
 - 2) Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru Prime Minister of India.
 - 3) Sardar Patel incharge "States Ministry".
 - 4) Mr. K.C. Neogi Minister Rehabilitation.
 - 5) Central office Refugees welfare Association Delhi.
 - 6) Sri Sunder Lal Advocate President Patiala State Prajamandal Patiala.
- *****

Refugee Welfare Association

8

President:-Pt. S.R.Kaushik

1841 KUCHA MAIDAS
BAZAR SITARAM
DELHI.

Secretary:-K.C.Jain

Ref: _____

Date 10th Dec., 1947.

The Prime Minister,
Patiala State,
PATIALA.

Sir,

RESTORATION OF ABDUCTED
MUSLIM LADIES.

Forwarded with remarks that the applicant Alimuddin is a conciliated resident of Mohindergarh, District Naunihal, Patiala St.,. His female members were abducted and are leading a very immoral life at present. The sale of ladies is in full swing. That will badly tell upon the character of the coming generation.

Moreover the refusal of the Distt. Magistrate, Naunihal on the lame excuse

is absurd and nonsensical and goes to
to prove that the arsoning, looting
and killing of innocent persons and the
abduction of ladies were done with the
permission of the Prime Minister of
Patiala State. This is to defame His
Highness's Government.

As the applicant is unable to go
anywhere without Military escort so
the services of my association are at
the disposal of the Minister of Relief
& Rehabilitation of Indian Dominion,
and the afore said minister has very
kindly allowed my association and me
as well to serve the oppressed people
like Alimuddin. So you are requested to
allow me and my party accompanied by
Alimuddin to bring the female members
of his family. Moreover I am a political
worker
Distt., of Distt., Narwal in Patiala
State and I know the whereabouts of the
abducted. So I think the favourable con-
sideration would be given.

Yours Faithfully
S. R. Kaur

To

The President,
Refugees Welfare Association,
Delhi.

Sir,

I am deserted Mohammadan of Mohindergarh District, Marnaul (Patiala State) and have my business at Poona and Mohow Cantt.

Unfortunately during the recent communal riots 102 members of my family (both sex) were at Mohindergarh, about whose whereabouts I have no information either from Mohindergarh or Pakistan.

Now through reliable source I have come to know that several young ladies were abducted and are forced to leave immoral life at Mohindergarh and in suburbs. I approached to Nazim District, Marnaul to kindly help me in recovering back the aforesaid ladies but he showed his inability to do so without the permission of the Prime Minister, Patiala State.

I, therefore, request you to kindly help me to restore the ladies by granting me permit to go to Patiala State with Military escorts. I shall be ever grateful.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

~~Your most obedient servant~~

Yours obediently,

Sd/- Alimuddin
c/o Refugee Welfare Association,
Mucha Maidass, Sitaram Bazar,
DELHI.

Dated 7/12/47

Copies to :-

Hon'ble Sardar Patel, Gandhiji and Jawaharlal N
Nehru.